

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING: FEBRUARY 7, 2022

Due to a malfunction of the recording system, the February 7, 2022, Commissioners' Meeting was not recorded.

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday February 7, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Paul Wyman, Vice President Brad Bray, Member Jack Dodd, County Attorney Alan Wilson, and County Auditor Jessica Secrease.

The meeting was called to order by Lieutenant Todd Prifogle and conducted by President Paul Wyman. Commissioner Bray led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Commissioner Wyman offered a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of January 18, 2022, regular meeting having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd, Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & RECOGNITION:

Resolution No. 2022-BCCR-2 – Honoring Western High School Marching Panthers:

Commissioner Wyman read Resolution 2022-BCCR-2 as members of the Western Marching Band were present. The Commissioners extended their congratulations to all the band members as well as Western High School. Resolution 2022-BCCR-2 Honoring Western High School Marching Panthers was approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Bray, Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

February Employee of the Month:

The Howard County Commissioners congratulated Howard County Auditor Chief Deputy Gabrielle Heckert as the February 2022 Employee of the Month. Ms. Heckert has had to learn a new vital position along with covering a vacant position and has worked tirelessly on budgets, settlement, and grants this year. Ms. Heckert has shown ongoing initiative, leadership, and dedication in her role as Chief Deputy. She is always willing to assist others while still meeting critical deadlines for the County and State. It is with great honor that the Commissioners extended congratulations and the memento from Kokomo Opalescent Glass to her. Pictures were taken, and congratulations were given by all.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS & REPORTS:

HOWARD COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE:

2021 100R:

Howard County Auditor Jessica Secrease submitted the 2021 1099R report. The 2021 1099R report was approved as submitted on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Subdivision (Case 1-CP-22):

Planning Commission Executive Director Greg Sheline submitted a new subdivision, Maroney Estate Subdivision, located on a new lot at 4797 N. 200 E., Kokomo, Indiana. There was a favorable recommendation by the board. There was no remonstrance. Maroney Estate Subdivision has one lot and was approved, and it was also approved at the drainage board meeting with no remonstrance. With the new subdivision request having been heard, Commissioner Bray made a motion to approve Maroney Estate Subdivision located at 4797 N. 200 E., Kokomo, Indiana as presented. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Subdivision (Case 2-CP-22):

Planning Commission Executive Director Greg Sheline submitted a new subdivision, JKR Subdivision, located on a new lot at 2940 S.1150 E. Greentown, Indiana. There was a favorable recommendation by the board. There was no remonstrance. JKR Subdivision has one lot and was approved, and it was also approved at the drainage board meeting with no remonstrance. With the new subdivision request having been heard, Commissioner Dodd made a motion to approve JKR Subdivision located at 2940 S. 1150 E. Greentown, Indiana as presented. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Rezoning (Case 1-CZ-22):

Planning Commission Executive Director Greg Sheline submitted Ordinance No. 2022-BCCO-7 for the rezoning of the property located at 4797 N. 200 E. Kokomo, Indiana from AG (Agricultural) to RR (Rural Residential). There was a favorable recommendation by the board. There was no remonstrance. With the rezoning request having been heard, Commissioner Bray made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022-BCCO-7 as presented. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Rezoning (Case 2-CZ-22):

Planning Commission Executive Director Greg Sheline submitted Ordinance No. 2022-BCCO-8 for the rezoning of the property located at 2940 S. 1150 E. Greentown, Indiana from AG (Agricultural) to RR (Rural Residential). There was a favorable recommendation by the board. There was no remonstrance. With the rezoning request having been heard, Commissioner Bray made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022-BCCO-8 as presented. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

HOWARD COUNTY CLERK:

Approval of Annual Contract with Election Systems & Software:

Howard County Clerk Debbie Stewart submitted the annual contract with Election Systems & Software, LLC for Ballot on Demand system, the ongoing license, and software maintenance and service. This contract has been approved by County Attorney Alan Wilson. Commissioner Dodd made a motion to approve the Contract with Election Systems & Software, LLC as presented. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

HOWARD COUNTY MAINTENANCE:

EMA Yard Sign:

Maintenance Superintendent Bill Stonestreet submitted the quote for a new sign located at EMA's building on Berkley Road. Clifford Signs can get the sign installed for \$8,341.04. Mr. Stonestreet stated that he would like to pay this out of the Cumulative Capital Development Fund, 1138, under the Building Upgrades Account, 47243. Commissioner Bray made a motion to approve the quote to replace the sign for as presented. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Jail Flooring:

Maintenance Superintendent Bill Stonestreet submitted the quote to have the jail flooring replaced in two areas. These areas would be upgraded to vinyl planking for a total cost of \$5,431.00. Mr. Stonestreet stated that he would like to pay for this out of the LIT – Special Purpose Fund, 1114. Commissioner Wyman stated he would like to look into using the ARP Grant Fund for this project. Commissioner Dodd made a motion to approve to replace the flooring using the LIT – Special Purpose Fund or ARP Grant Fund as presented. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:

Howard County Auditor Jessica Secrease submitted the following claims and reports for the Commissioners' information and approval:

1. **Salary Claims:** The Commissioners' Salary, Hourly, and Overtime Claims for payment on January 28, 2022, in the amount of \$904,530.19 were submitted and approved on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. **Salary Claims:** The Commissioners' Sheriff Longevity Claims for payment on February 2, 2022, in the amount of \$86,600.00 were submitted and approved on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

3. **Payroll Expenses:** The Commissioners' Payroll Expenses for payment on January 28, 2022, in the amount of \$904,530.19 were submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
4. **Payroll Expenses:** The Commissioners' Payroll Expenses for longevity payment on February 2, 2022, in the amount of \$86,600.00 were submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
5. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating Claims to be paid February 7, 2022, in the amount of \$1,898,231.50 was submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray, and the motion carried.
6. **Grants:**
 - a. On behalf of CASA Director Holly Becker, Auditor Jessica Secrease presented the CASA VOCA Grant for approval.
7. **Monthly Reports:** Auditor Jessica Secrease presented the following reports to be received into the record:
 - a. Weights & Measures Report 12/16/2021 through 01/16/2022

IN THE MATTER OF ATTORNEY ISSUES:

Ordinance No. 2022-BCCO-5:

Attorney Alan Wilson presented Ordinance No. 2022-BCCO-5 – CASA VOCA Grant. Ordinance No. 2022-BCCO-5 – CASA VOCA Grant was submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

Thank You to County Employees:

The County Commissioners thanked all County employees for all their had work through the snow emergency the previous week.

***There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time,
the meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd.
The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray, and the motion carried.***

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

PAUL G. WYMAN, PRESIDENT

ROBERT B. BRAY, VICE PRESIDENT

JACK W. DODD, MEMBER

ATTEST:

JESSICA SECREASE, AUDITOR

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